



**PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY  
(RCW 34.05.310)**

**CR-101 (7/10/97)**

Do NOT use for expedited repeal or adoption

**Agency: Department of Labor and Industries**

**Subject of possible rule making:**

Control of Hazardous Energy (Lockout/Tagout) , Chapters 296-24, 45, 54, 59, 78, 79, 155, and 307 WAC.

**(a) Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject:**

RCW 49.17.010, 49.17.040, and 49.17.050

**(b) Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish:**

The Department of Labor and Industries is proposing to rewrite and clarify requirements relating to control of hazardous energy (lockout/tagout). This rulemaking is part of the initiative to rewrite chapter 296-24 WAC and chapter 296-62 WAC for clarity and ease of use. The rule will be assigned its own 800 series chapter number and repealed from chapter 296-24 WAC. The rewrite will eliminate unnecessary and autocratic terminology.

**(c) Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies:**

No other state or federal agencies (other than OSHA) are known that regulates this subject.

**(d) Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):**

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Negotiated rule making

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Pilot rule making

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Agency study

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Other (describe)

The department must adopt rules identical to or at least as effective as OSHA rules as required by the OSHA/WISHA state plan agreement. Parties interested in the formulation of these rules for proposal may contact the individual listed below. The public may also participate by commenting after amendments are proposed by providing written comments or giving oral testimony during the public hearing process.

**(e) How interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication:**

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